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## OPA Daily Digest for 1/9/13

### Congressional Inquiries:

**Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.) – 1/3/14. Requests a West Lake Landfill update. Due: 1/10/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### State and Local Government Inquiries:

None

### Press Inquiries:

**KXFN Radio, St. Louis** – Victoria Babu – 1/9/14: Requesting live telephone interview at 7:40 a.m. Monday, January 13, with Regional Administrator Karl Brooks concerning next phase of engineering survey at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

### Environmental Stories:

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch – EPA Prepares for More Testing at Bridgeton Landfill** – 1/9/14 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will begin a new round of testing at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site in Bridgeton next week. Some contractors will be at the site near interstates 70 and 270 this week removing snow so a new core sampling phase of an engineering survey can begin next Monday or Tuesday, the EPA said. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-prepares-for-more-testing-at-bridgeton-landfill/article\\_acaf054a-87b1-54b5-9463-a9b6b612dc40.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-prepares-for-more-testing-at-bridgeton-landfill/article_acaf054a-87b1-54b5-9463-a9b6b612dc40.html)

**KMOX Radio, St. Louis – More Testing at Bridgeton Landfill Next Week** – 1/9/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will begin more testing at the Bridgeton landfill next week. The new testing will include drilling up to 80 feet in the ground to determine if any dirt near the landfill includes radioactive material. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/01/09/more-testing-at-bridgeton-landfill-next-week/>

**KSDK-TV - Odor alert lifted near troubled Bridgeton landfill** - 1/9/14 - Repair work wrapped up Wednesday afternoon on a damaged gas-extraction system at the troubled Bridgeton Landfill. Monday's sub-zero temperatures caused parts of the system to freeze and that led to some gas leaks as crews made repairs. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2014/01/08/bridgeton-landfill-odor-alert/4382031/>

**Franklin Daily Journal - EPA to begin more testing at St. Louis County landfill where nuclear waste is buried** - 1/8/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency is about to begin another round of testing at West Lake Landfill in St. Louis County, where nuclear waste is buried near the site of underground smolder. <http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/d4999efb5db449cb8deca3bb740d0dd0/MO--Landfill-Nuclear-Waste/#.Us6neFfLOI4>

**Republic Monitor - EPA: Core sampling to begin soon at West Lake Landfill Superfund site in Bridgeton** - 1/9/14 - Contractors working under the oversight of EPA Region 7 will begin a new core sampling phase of an engineering survey during the week of Jan. 13 at the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton.

[http://republicmonews.com/n2christiancounty/epa-core-sampling-to-begin-soon-at-west-lake-landfill/article\\_b3e375ce-a3aa-5271-b748-d72a9b930b8a.html#user-comment-area](http://republicmonews.com/n2christiancounty/epa-core-sampling-to-begin-soon-at-west-lake-landfill/article_b3e375ce-a3aa-5271-b748-d72a9b930b8a.html#user-comment-area)

**Biofuels International - Record biodiesel production in Iowa but uncertainty remains** - 1/9/14 - Production of biodiesel in Iowa, US hit record heights in 2013 but the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) believes uncertain federal biodiesel policy could threaten recent growth in lower carbon intensity feedstocks.

[http://www.biofuels-news.com/industry\\_news.php?item\\_id=7271](http://www.biofuels-news.com/industry_news.php?item_id=7271)

**Domestic Fuel - Iowa Sets Biodiesel Production Record** - 1/9/14 - Biodiesel production in Iowa hit a record in 2013, but advocates for the green fuel warn the industry could be in peril this year due to government action and inaction. This news release from the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) says that the state's biodiesel production hit 2013 million gallons in 2013, a 25 percent increase from the previous year.

<http://domesticfuel.com/2014/01/09/iowa-sets-biodiesel-production-record/>

**Agriland - Latest EPA report on dioxin milk levels out** - 1/9/14 - The latest Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report on dioxin levels in the Irish environment shows that dioxin levels in all of the samples taken in a 2012 survey were well below the relevant EU limits. The report, published today, is based on dioxin levels measured in cows' milk in a 2012 survey.

<http://www.agriland.ie/news/latest-epa-report-on-dioxin-milk-levels-out/>

**FierceEnergy - EPA NSPS finally posts to Federal Register** - 1/8/14 - Industry organizations are voicing serious concerns about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) redrafted New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), as the rule is posted to the Federal Register today. Organizations like the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity (ACCCE) continue to express concerns about the rule's "unachievable standards and unattainable timeline" for new coal-fueled plants.

<http://www.fierceenergy.com/story/epa-nsps-finally-posts-federal-register/2014-01-08>

**Emmetsburg Reporter-Democrat - The Positive Impact of the Ethanol Industry** - 1/9/14 - The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which requires a certain amount of biofuels to be blended into the fuel supply, was created to increase consumer choice at the pump and to break down barriers to market entry for alternative fuels. The EPA recently proposed lowering this standard, which would jeopardize many of the thousands of jobs the ethanol industry supports across the country and in the state of Iowa.

<http://www.emmetsburgnews.com/page/content.detail/id/522686/The-Positive-Impact-of-the-Ethanol-Industry.html?nav=5001>

**WNAX-RADIO - Iowa Sets Biodiesel Production Record In 2013** - 1/9/14 - Iowa Renewable Fuel Officials say Iowa biodiesel production was up 25 percent in 2013 setting a new record with production topping 230 million gallons. The previous record was in 2012 when 184 million gallons were produced. Iowa Renewable Fuels Executive Director Monte Shaw says that robust production now has slowed down because of the lower RFS volume proposal and failure of Congress to pass the biodiesel tax credit.

<http://wnax.com/local/iowa-sets-biodiesel-production-record-in-2013/>

**Park Hills Daily Journal - U.S. Rep. Smith opposes new EPA rules on coal** - 1/9/14 - U.S. Jason Smith (R-8th District) on Wednesday renewed his opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) on new power plants to be included in the Federal Register.

[http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/u-s-rep-smith-opposes-new-epa-rules-on-coal/article\\_b4cddcde-7954-11e3-b5d2-001a4bcf887a.html](http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/u-s-rep-smith-opposes-new-epa-rules-on-coal/article_b4cddcde-7954-11e3-b5d2-001a4bcf887a.html)

**KOAM-TV - Senator Blunt Wants EPA To Justify Economic Impact Of New Regulations** - 1/9/14 - U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.) co-sponsored an amendment introduced yesterday by U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (Okla.) to the Senate's unemployment insurance extension bill (S.1845) that would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from finalizing any new regulation until it publicly reports how the agency's existing regulations under the Clean Air Act are impacting the economy and job creation.

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/24407203/senator-blunt-wants-epa-to-justify-economic-impact-of-new-regulations>

**Seymour Tribune - EPA will begin more testing next week at troubled Bridgeton landfill** - 1/9/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will begin more testing at the Bridgeton landfill next week.

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/90d3bef0d3d04dce8e4fd8189a342fe0/MO--Bridgeton-Landfill-Testing>

**Clinton Herald - Report due on Friday from the ADM mercury spill** - 1/9/14 - Over two months after more than a pound of toxic mercury spilled and seeped into an Archer Daniels Midland well, a site assessment plan for recovering the remaining hazardous material will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

<http://www.clintonherald.com/local/x1022872969/Report-due-on-Friday-from-the-ADM-mercury-spill>

**The Hill - Energy future is in innovation, not regulation** - 1/9/14 - The United States depends on coal for nearly 40 percent of its electricity supply, with 48 of 50 states using coal for electricity generation to some degree. At the same time, U.S. electricity demand is expected to grow 28 percent by 2040. Coal must be a part of the energy mix to meet that growing demand.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/194840-energy-future-is-in-innovation-not-regulation>

#### **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

#### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

#### **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**1/15/14** - 2013 CFC Awards Breakfast, Kansas City, Mo., Julia Cacho, 7071

**1/17/14** - Meeting with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Col. Sexton, Kansas City, Mo, Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**1/16/14** – COOP Drill, Kansas City, Mo., Chris Taylor, 7736

**1/17/14** – Meet and greet with new HUD Regional Director, Jennifer Tidwell, Regional Office, Kerry Herndon, 7286

**1/16/13** – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Training Event, Kansas City, Kan., Greg Davis

**2/5/13** – Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Lenexa, Kan., Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**2/11/13** – Agribusiness Showcase Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, Kris Lancaster, 7557

**2/20/13** – Air & Waste Management Association Mid-West Chapter Annual Conference, Overland Park, Kan., Becky Weber, 7487

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**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

None

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

1/16/14 – Chicago Heights community advisory group meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463, Mary Peterson, 7882, Chris Whitley, 7394

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**\*1/6-15/14** – Indoor air sampling and vapor mitigation installation, Ogallala, Neb. Contact: Susan Fisher, 7919

**WWPD**

**1/16/14** – Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule Presentation, Columbia area contractors, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

**1/17/14** – Technical assistance to Missouri Department of Natural Resources on water program databases, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Michael Boeglin, 7252, Neil Gilbert, 7985.

**1/21-24/14** – Groundwater Protection Council Training Conference, New Orleans, La. Contact: David Garrett, 7159

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